

## PROCLAMATION **DAFFODIL DAYS** MARCH 21-25, 2005

**WHEREAS,** the American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering through research, education, advocacy and service; and

**WHEREAS,** by 2015, the American Cancer Society hopes to reduce the incidence of cancer by 25 percent, reduce cancer mortality by 50 percent, and improve measurably the quality of life for cancer survivors; and

**WHEREAS,** the American Cancer Society recognizes the daffodil as the first flower of spring and as a symbol of hope that cancer will be cured in our lifetime; and

**WHEREAS,** Daffodil Days is a national event sponsored by the American Cancer Society to generate awareness and funding for cancer research, patient services and educational programs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Great West Division of the American Cancer Society is working with communities throughout the state to "Paint the Town Yellow" in support of the many North Dakotans fighting a battle against cancer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 21-25, 2005, **DAFFODIL DAYS** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State